



## **Communicable Disease Branch Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Weekly Key Points**

**January 19, 2021**

The North Carolina Division of Public Health (NC DPH) Communicable Disease Branch will be releasing COVID-19 weekly key points that includes information discussed on the weekly Tuesday Local Health Department call. Recordings of the call will not be made available; please use the information below as a summary of the topics presented on the call. As guidance changes, please use the most recent information provided. For questions, contact the NC DPH Communicable Disease Branch 24/7 Epidemiologist on Call at **919-733-3419**.

### **Important Updates**

- **New:** NCDHHS\_LHD Weekly Webinar\_01.19.2021.pdf (file attached)
- **Updated:** Local Health Vaccine FAQ-Final 1.15.21.pdf (file attached)
- **Updated:** Find My Testing Place (file attached)

### **Testing Updates**

The form to request antigen tests is located here:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3IF2etC5mkSFw-zCbNftGTmHsMeGCK1ApNarC4kx\\_J9URUQwV0w5UEhQUkVGWUhfUkk4MkNDUUg2RC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3IF2etC5mkSFw-zCbNftGTmHsMeGCK1ApNarC4kx_J9URUQwV0w5UEhQUkVGWUhfUkk4MkNDUUg2RC4u)

### **Contact Tracing/Case Investigation Updates**

- New guidance recommends limiting case investigation efforts to responding to priority groups 1 and 2 ([guidance memo](#) with description of priority groups)
- Case investigation of these groups should include contact tracing; we recommend contact tracing for contacts of priority groups 1 and 2 only.
- The transition to limited contact tracing based on this prioritization should be completed by February 1; CCTC has been directed to follow this prioritization guidance for contact tracing.
- If sufficient staff are available for vaccine work, this guidance does not recommend against reaching case patients by telephone for a brief interview to determine if they are in a high priority group.

### **Find My Testing Place**

Please review the updated 'Find My Testing Place LHD' Excel file weekly to ensure information is up to date and accurate. Please send the updated files or any related questions to [SVC\\_Covid-19TestingSites@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:SVC_Covid-19TestingSites@dhhs.nc.gov)